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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR BHUTTO

REF: DACCA 177

1. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR HOSSAIN ALI MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO FEBRUARY 4 TO REQUEST THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER CONVEY MESSAGE TO PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ABOUT BANGLADESH'S POSITION ON NORMALIZATION OF PAKISTAN/ BANGLADESH RELATIONS. BDG BELIEVES SOLUTIONS TO MUTUAL PROBLEMS MUST BE FOUND, IS WILLING RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS, AND WILL AGREE TO TALKS AT ANY APPROPRIATE LEVEL. SISCO AGREED TO CONVEY REQUEST TO SECRETARY.

2. ALI'S PRESENTATION WAS NOT SO SPECIFIC ABOUT LEVEL OF TALKS AS THAT OF KAMAL HOSSAIN CITED REFTEL. HE COVERED NO NEW GROUND, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT BANGLADESH IN ITS PRESENT DESPERATE ECONOMIC SITUATION HAS NO POLITICAL STAKE IN ALLOWING STAND-OFF TO CONTINUE. MEMCON BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER.

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